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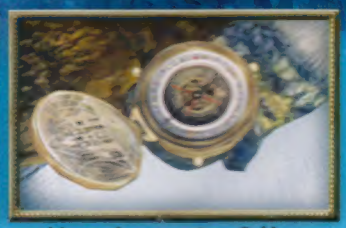

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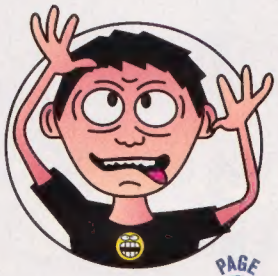

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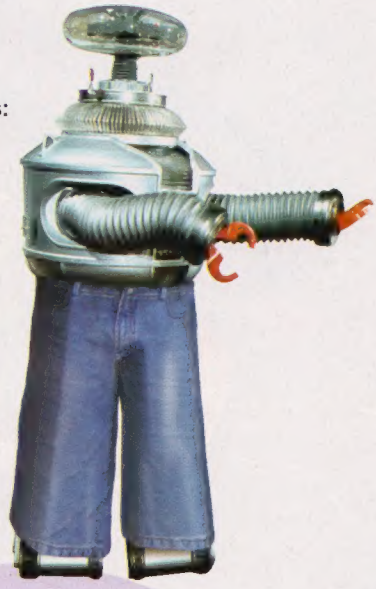

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INJURY CONTENT RATING SYSTEM

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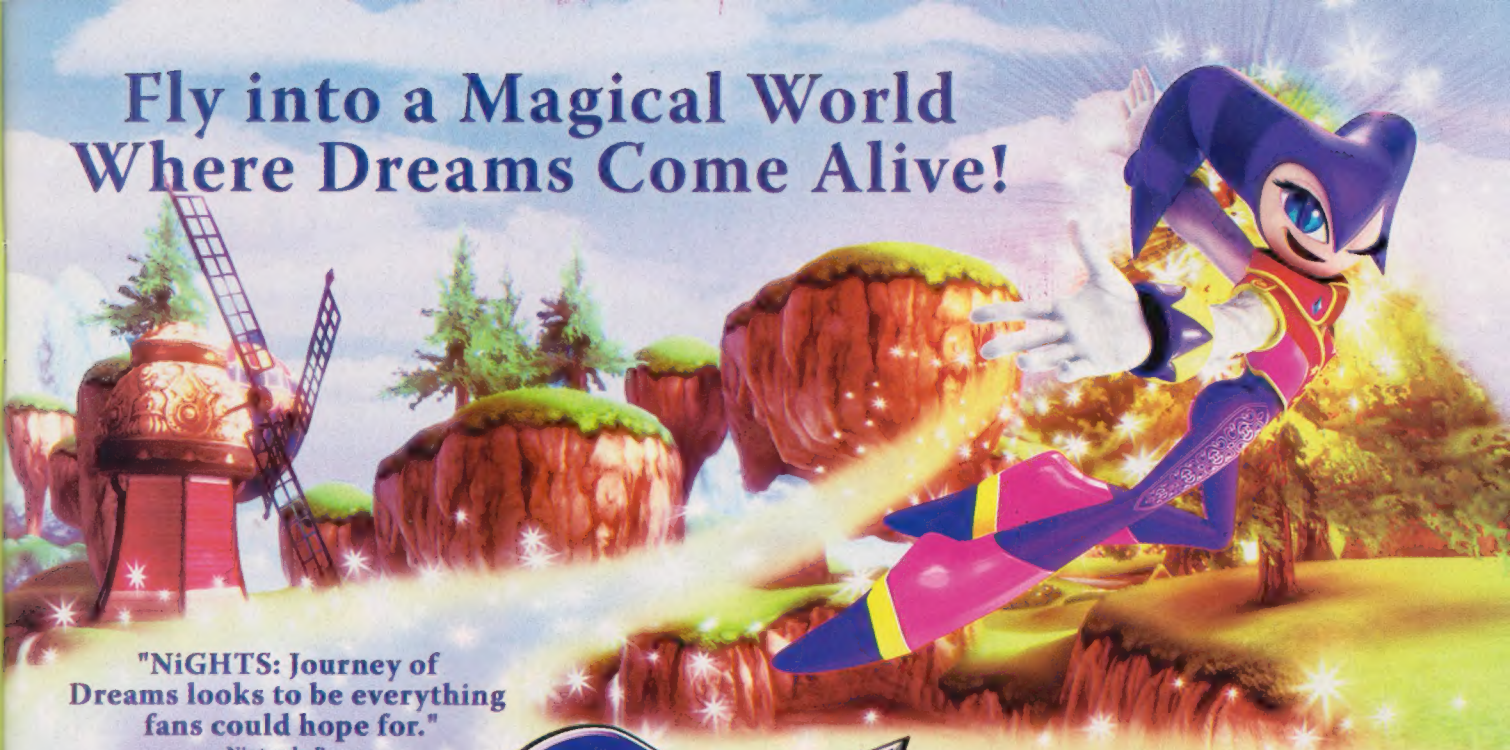

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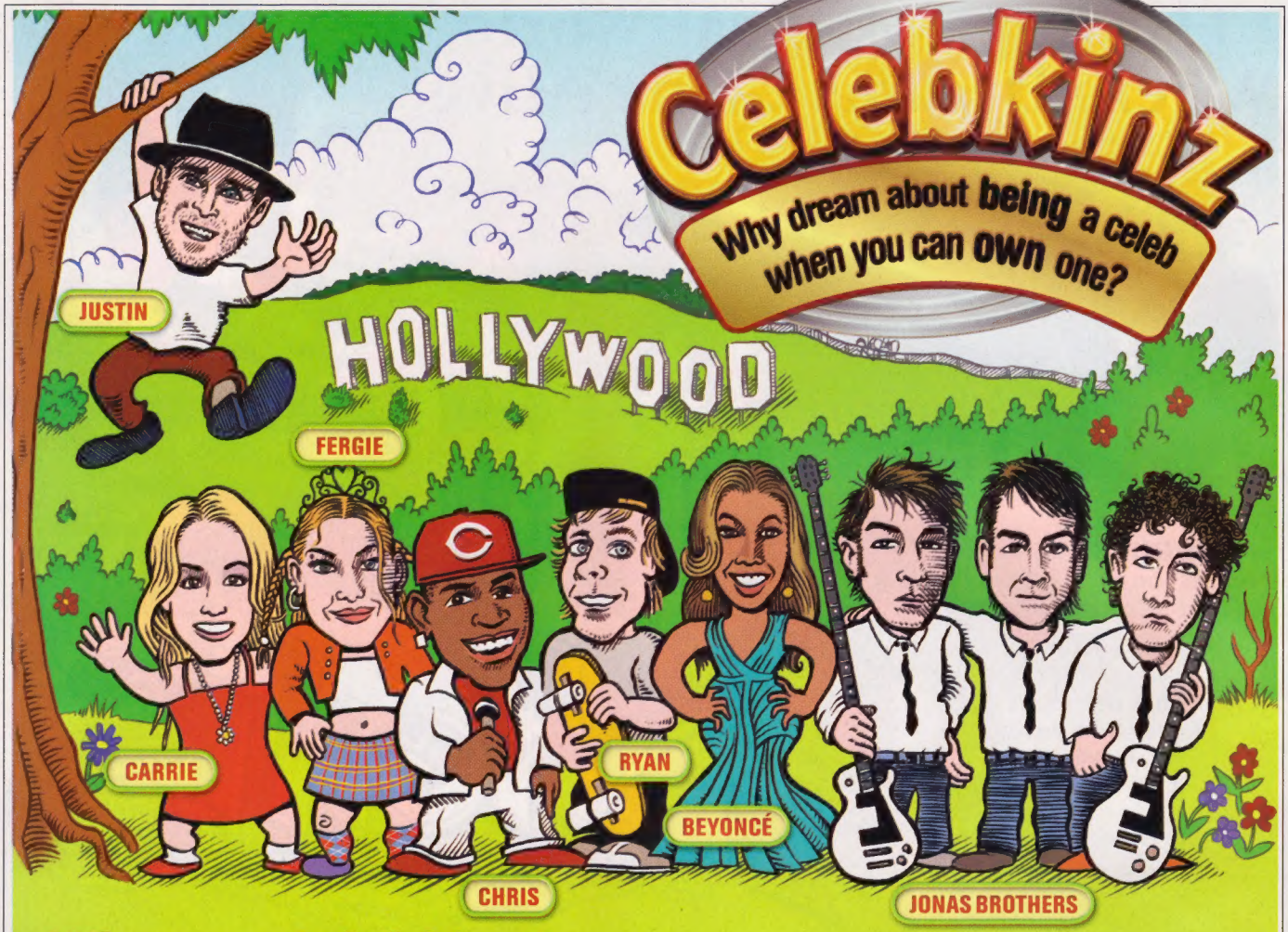

What are Celebkinz?

Celebkinz are lovable, plush celebrity friends that come with a unique Secret Code. Use it to enter the Celebkinz World, where you can hang out with your virtual celeb, help him or her get through rehearsals, earn $tarCash, and go to pointless parties and awards shows!

BUY ONE NOW!

Try These Celebkinz Games!

- ★ **Reporter Run:** Get exercise points by outrunning crazy tabloid reporters!
- ★ **Path to Stardom:** Follow the maze to get your Celebkinz star to his or her dream role!
- ★ **Cyber Songbird:** Learn the lyrics to your Celebkinz star's next Top 40 hit!
- ★ **Apply Yourself:** Try this makeup application test!
- ★ **Nutty Nicknames:** Give your Celebkinz star a crazy-funny-cool nickname!

These are just a few of the many exciting and time-consuming games the Celebkinz World has to offer!

Use Your $tarCash to...

- ★ **Build your entourage!** B-list celebs and nonfamous friends cost less than A-listers.
- ★ **Set up a photo shoot!** Pics can be used on magazine covers, billboards, and more.
- ★ **Buy a new wardrobe**—every few days!
- ★ **Hire a Celebkinz personal assistant** so you can take the day off!

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Real iCarly iNterview

We downloaded some key info from Miranda Cosgrove, the star of *iCarly*.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Do you spend much time online?
MIRANDA COSGROVE: A lot of my schooling is online, so I'm online a lot. It can cause problems, though, because I'll bring up my buddy list or I'll start playing games. My favorite website is Addictinggames.com.

What are your favorite kinds of games to play?
I like Pac-Man and Tetris. I'm pretty good at Ms. Pac-Man—it's probably my favorite.

What's the most embarrassing thing you've ever done on the set?
Recently, we were shooting an episode where all these kids were golfing. I was supposed to run up, and I tripped and fell. They all turned around and it felt like the most embarrassing moment of my life. I'm sure we're going to have a really great blooper reel!

What's the best prank your character Megan ever played on *Drake & Josh*?
In one episode, I had this insane boom box that shot out paintballs. When we were shooting, Drake and Josh were freaking out because they'd never been paintballed before.

Do you ever watch your first movie, *School of Rock*?
When *School of Rock* [right] is on, my friends call me and tell me to put it on. They'll quote little lines to embarrass me.

What kind of person makes a good best friend?
Someone you can tell anything, and who's always there for you. I have a friend I've known since kindergarten. I tell her everything—she's probably my best friend in the world.

IMO...In Miranda's Opinion

Funniest line on the show so far:
"Sam [who is played by Jennette McCurdy] and Freddie [who is played by Nathan Kress] are always fighting on the show. Nathan had this line where he said 'Your butt is shaped like a ham' to Jennette. We never really got over it. Jennette went to the writers and she was like, 'Seriously?'"

Craziest video on iCarly.com:
"These kids had so many spoons on their faces. Jennette and I tried to do it, but it didn't go as well as for the people in the video. I couldn't even get one to stay—I don't know how they did it!"

Overused phrase:
"Shyaa, which means 'yeah,' or 'whatever.' I don't know why, but all my friends started saying that, especially online."

New episodes of *iCarly* air on Saturday nights in TEENick. Check nick.com for details and more information.

The I's Have It

When Carly and Sam decided to do a webcast, they added an *i* to the beginning of Carly's name. Each of the images on the left becomes one of the items on the right when the *i* sound is added to the beginning of each word. See if you can match each pair. by Andrew Brisman

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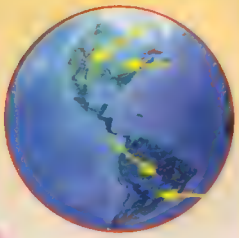

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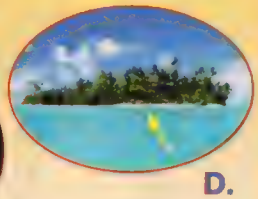

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iDo's and iDon'ts

Follow the guidelines below for a chance to have your original video shown on *iCarly* or www.icarly.com.

Definite Do's

Try to be original and funny.
Stand close to the camera.
Keep your video short and sweet!
Make sure you get a parent's or guardian's approval—your video can't be used without his or her consent.

But Do Not

Use background music.
Say any personal information except for your first name, age, and state.
Use inappropriate language.
Do anything dangerous.

Forget to feed the dog!

Go to the Send Us Stuff area of www.icarly.com for a complete list of instructions, helpful tips, and answers to some frequently asked questions.

What's New on Nick

Kids Pick the President

Sunday, January 13
Get the latest on the presidential candidates in this *Nick News* special.

The Naked Brothers Band

Saturday nights
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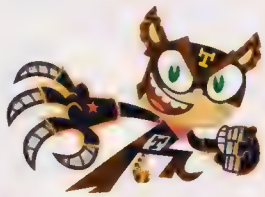

El Tigre

Friday, January 25
Supervillain Sartana announces her upcoming retirement…but who will be her successor?

Just Jordan

Sunday, February 3
Jordan has his driver's license *and* a date with Autumn! Tune in to find out if his car makes it through his first drive scratch-free.

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New Games of the Week in January

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NONSTOP COMICS

A Möbius (pronounced MO-bee-us) strip is a loop of flat material with only one side. It sounds impossible, but it's true! If you trace a path along a Möbius strip, you will eventually return to where you started.

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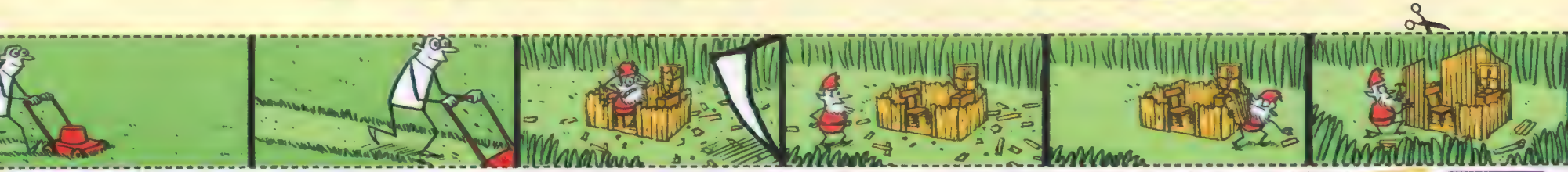

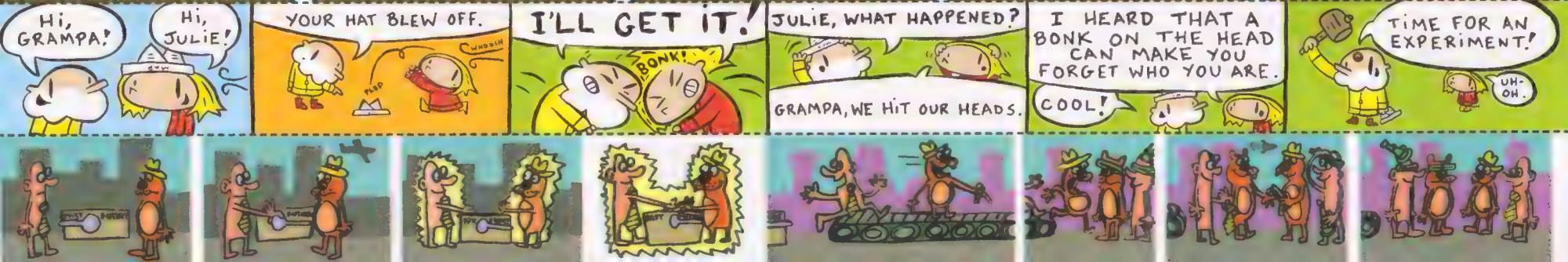

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2. Hold a strip in front of you, one hand grasping either end.

3. Turn over one end so there's a twist in the strip.

4. Bring the two ends together, lining them up so the *A* on one end covers the *A* on the other end. (The *B*s should be covered, too.) The two tabs with the *A*s and *B*s should now be overlapped so they are no longer visible.

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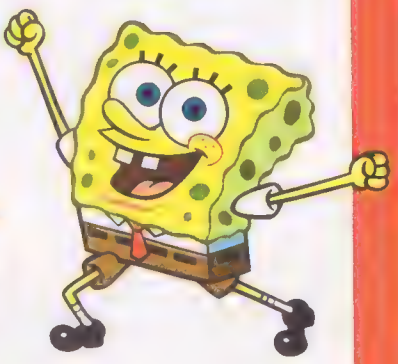

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PREHISTORIC PET DOC

Ask Dr. Willy Mammoth

He answers all your questions about cave pets.

Q Which animal makes a better pet, a CLAM or a SABER-TOOTHED CAT?

A It all depends on your personality. Clams are patient, loyal, and loving. You can tell a clam your deepest secrets, and it will keep its mouth shut tight. The downside of owning a clam is never being sure if it's alive.

If you want a pet that will knock you flat on the floor when you come home, then the saber-toothed cat is *purrr*-fect. This big kitty loves to play. Just be sure to keep your fingers—and all living things—out of the way because this pet also loves to eat.

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Check out these 5 outrageous facts.

HUMANS ARE NOT THE ONLY CREATURES WHO WEAR ANIMAL PELTS—SOME ANIMALS DO, TOO.

A wheel that can be pushed forward can also be pushed the other way.

Some prehistoric people can't touch their hands to the ground while standing up straight.

FIRE IS REALLY HOT.

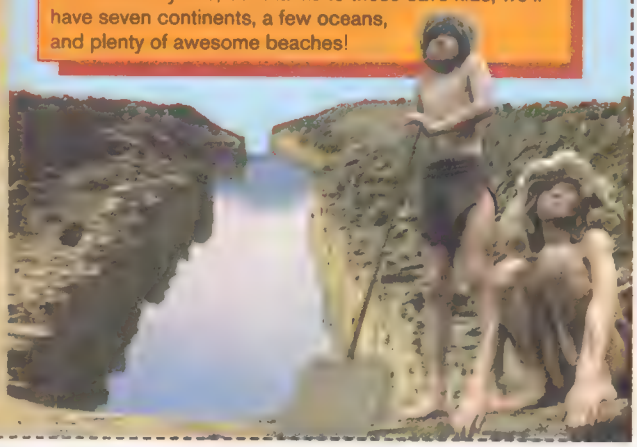
A NEANDERTHAL MAN **BATHED TWICE** IN ONE YEAR, SETTING A WORLD RECORD FOR CLEANLINESS.

Cave Kids Did It!

By Harry Mann

CAVE KIDS ARE DIGGING TO SEPARATE THE CONTINENTS!

Think only adults can get things done? Ten cave kids decided they wanted to separate the Earth's one, big landmass into different continents. "We decided to create new shorelines with cool beaches!" Brianna Bearpelt said. The group has been working around the sundial, using stone shovels to dig a huge trench. It may take a few million years, but thanks to these cave kids, we'll have seven continents, a few oceans, and plenty of awesome beaches!



Your favorite 'bots reveal the juicy details about their love lives.

ROBO-DATING DIARIES

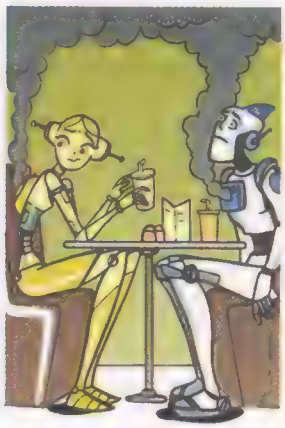
BRAINIAC'S HEART IS IN HIS HEAD

Too bad—Brainiac Zefron is hooked up! The hot 'bot and gf Zanessa Anne Droid are now sharing the same hard drive. "I like a girlbot who can think," says the blue-eyed Brainiac. "Zanessa and I spend hours and hours just exchanging data!"

WHAT HAYDROID WANTS IN A BF

Haydroid Panettron isn't dating anyone right now, but she says, "If a cute butt—I mean, 'bot!—shows up on my screen, I'm ready." What is it, Hay? "He has to look clean and shiny—and no loose strings or inappropriate beeping. I've done the bad 'bot thing, and I had to press delete."

YIKES! MOST EMBARRASSING NANO-SECONDS OF MY LIFE!



Hot Date!

Rusty, this totally hot 'bot, finally asked me out. We just stared at each other and I was like, "So now what?" and he was like, "I dunno." Then his CD drive started smoking, and I'm like, "He's overheating!" And then I realized mine was smoking, too! That was our last date.
–Tiffatron, PA, 16

Internal Problem

My bf and I were so tight that we were practically joined at the hip by a soldering iron. Then he broke up with me. "We're just wired differently," he said. I was like, "No, we're not!" But when he took out his CPU, I saw he was right. Boy, was my hard drive red!
–Emiloid, NM, 15

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THE QUESTIONATOR

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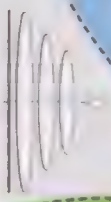
Use the Questionator to entertain friends, family, or yourself. Spin the circles randomly until they line up to form a question you'd like to ask.

HOW TO MAKE IT

1. Carefully cut out all three circles.
2. Place the circles on top of one another as shown in the picture below.
3. Attach the wheels in one of the following two ways:

a. Bend up the end of a paper clip and stick it through the center dot on all three circles. Then, bend the paper clip flat again so that it holds the circles together.

b. Or, use a thumbtack or pushpin to carefully attach the three circles to a bulletin board, a thick magazine, or a pad of paper (the tighter the better). Be careful not to poke yourself.



This puts a new spin on things.

CONTINUED

THE DECODENATOR

Use the Decodenator to send encoded messages to friends. See HOW TO MAKE IT on the reverse side for assembly instructions.

HOW TO USE THE DECODENATOR

1. Write out your message.

2. Randomly line up a letter from the outer circle with one from the middle circle.

3. Code your message by locating the letters from it on the outer circle and replacing them with the letters on the inner one. For example, if the rings line up so that A = R, the phrase "meet after school" would be coded as "MWWO RAOWU IDXTTN."

4. For more coding options, line up the numbered inner circle with either of the other two circles.

5. Make a copy of the Decodenator to give to anyone who will be receiving messages from you so that they can decode them and write back.

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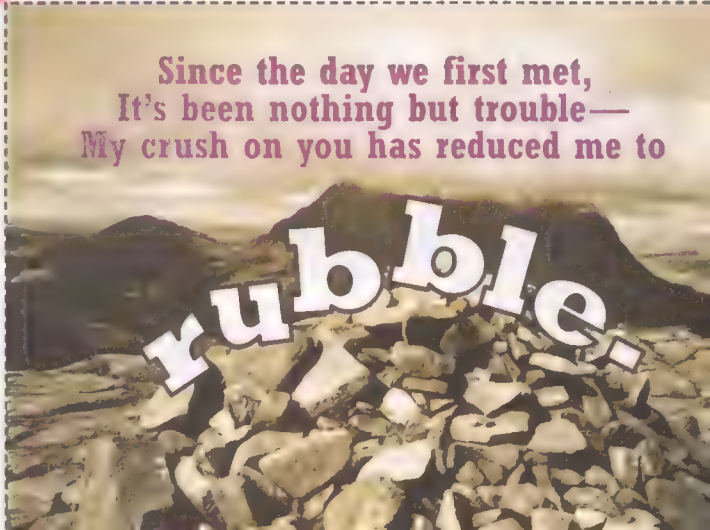

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To: _____

From: _____

Will you be my valentine?

To: _____

From: _____

To: _____

From: _____

Happy Valentine's Day!

To: _____

From: _____

Will you be my valentine?

To: _____

From: _____

Happy Valentine's Day!

To:

From:

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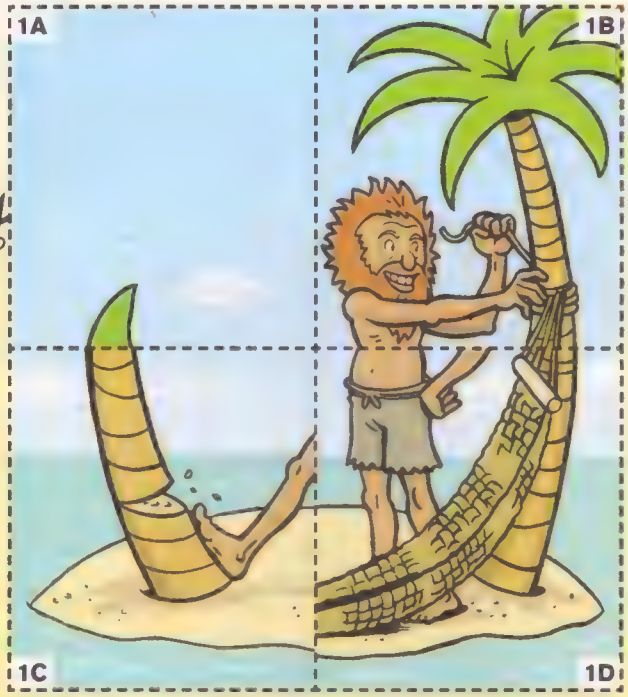
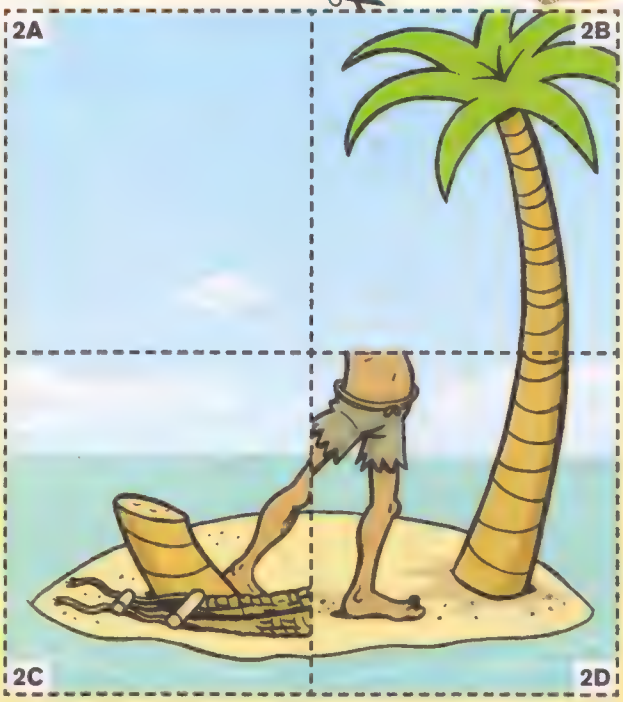
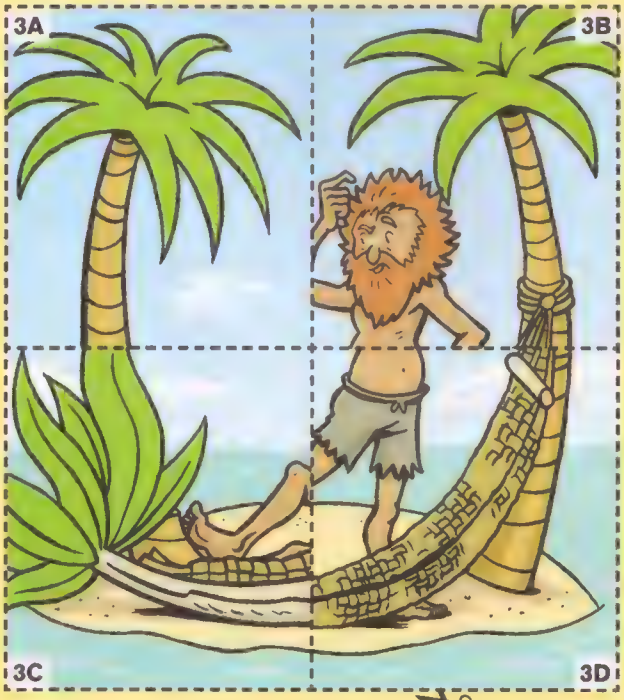
Desert Island Mix-Up

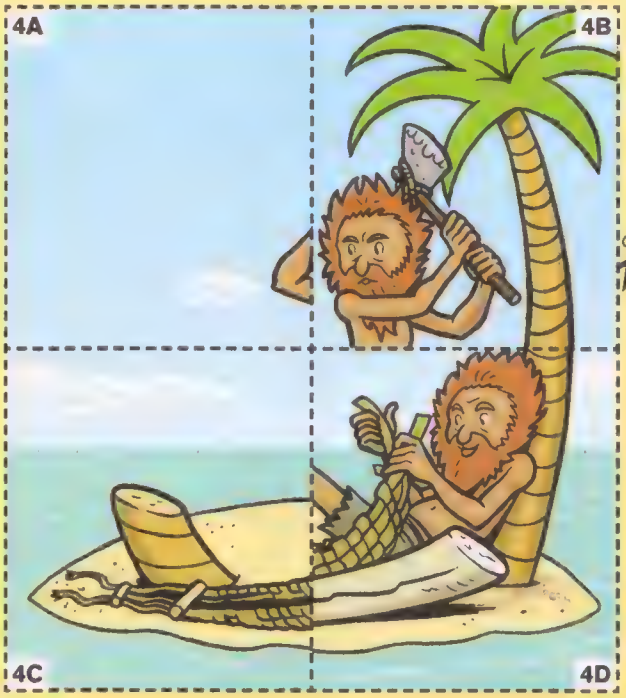
This is supposed to be a four-panel comic strip about a guy on a desert island. But each panel is all mixed up. Cut out the squares and rearrange them until you get the real four-panel comic. Each piece keeps its relative position–so all the *A* pieces are in the upper left corners of the panels, and so on. **Answers on page 33.**

by Robert Leighton









Cross Comics

is a game that's part crossword, part comic. There are 16 panels on this page. Each panel has a letter on it. When the panels are put in the correct order, those letters will spell out five interlocking words in the grid at the right, and the panels will create five different comic strips. Cut out the panels and move them around until you think the puzzle is solved. We did two for you. **Answers on page 33.**

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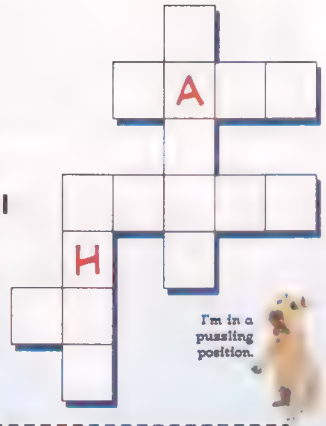
Hint: The panels at the intersections are part of two stories at the same time.



I'm in a puzzling position.

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WAY COOL THINGS TO DO

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CUTTING YOUR BILLS

WHAT YOU DO: Trick a friend into thinking that you've just cut a dollar bill in half.
WHAT YOU NEED: An envelope, scissors, and a dollar bill.

SET IT UP

Start by sealing the envelope and using the scissors to cut off the ends so that the envelope is slightly shorter than your dollar bill.

Press down on the top and bottom creases of the envelope so that it pops open into a tube. Keep pressing down on the creased edges till they touch, and then make new folds.

Use the scissors to cut two one-inch-long slits about an inch apart on one of the newly folded edges of the envelope.

When you fold the envelope back the original way, you should be able to thread the dollar through the slits like a belt through belt loops.

DO IT

1 Tell a friend that you're going to put a dollar inside an envelope and then cut the envelope in half without cutting the dollar bill.

Hold out the envelope and the dollar, but don't give your friend a chance to closely inspect either of them.

Hold up the envelope with the uncut side facing your friend and pretend to slide the dollar through it.

You will actually be threading the bill through the slits on the back of the envelope. Learning to do this quickly will take practice.

Hold the envelope flat and secretly insert the scissors between the paper and bill.

Have your friend hold onto the edge of the bill. He or she will feel the vibrations from the scissors and think that the dollar is being cut.

*We've shown the trick on a table to make the directions clearer, but you should hold the envelope out in front of you while performing the trick.

4 If you cut all the way through the envelope, it will fall apart and may give away the trick. To prevent this, cut almost to the end (but not all the way through it). When you get to the edge, give the envelope a magic tap and have your friend pull the dollar out.

As your friend pulls, finish tearing the envelope so that the two halves fall away. Try to crumple them up before your friend can inspect them.

SET IT UP

EASY ANIMATION

WHAT YOU DO: Animate a drawing by rolling a strip of paper.
WHAT YOU NEED: A sheet of paper, scissors, and pens, pencils, markers, or crayons.

Cut a two-inch-wide strip (about the length of your thumb) off of the long side of a sheet of paper and fold it in half, left to right.

BEFORE

AFTER

2 Think of a character or object doing something. For example, a man jumping, a mouth opening, or a firecracker exploding. Open your folded sheet and draw the "before" image on the right-hand side. Then, close the sheet and draw the "after" image on top of the "before" image, which should show through the paper.

Next, tightly roll up the top half around the end of a pen or pencil (*below left*) and then remove the writing implement.

Experiment with different speeds until it works!

DO IT

To make the image come to life, stick your pen or pencil back into the middle of the rolled paper and quickly flick it back and forth.

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WAY COOL THINGS TO DO

COOL TRICK

WHAT YOU DO: Convince a friend that you can turn water into ice instantly.

WHAT YOU NEED: A dry sponge, a colored cup or mug (the taller the better), a few cubes of ice, a cup with water in it, and a plate.

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SET IT UP

Fit the sponge firmly inside the bottom of the empty cup so that it doesn't fall out when you turn the cup upside down. You may have to trim the sponge for a good fit.

Put a few cubes of ice in the cup on top of the sponge and place the cup on the plate to prevent your table from getting wet.

DO IT

Tell a friend or family member that you will pour water into a cup and magically turn the water into ice.

Pour a small amount of water into the trick cup and say some magic words to give the sponge time to absorb the water.

While performing the trick, make sure that your friend can't see inside your cup. It helps if you are standing and your friend is sitting.

When you dump the contents of the cup onto the plate, only ice should come out. If possible, grab the sponge out of the cup while your friend is looking at the ice! ❑

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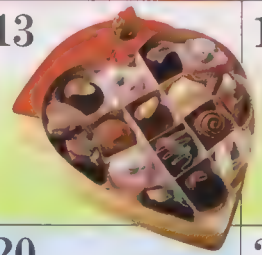
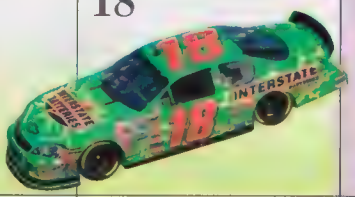
February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Real					1 Bubble Gum Day **This gives us something to chew on.**	2 Groundhog Day **Check one.** **Groundhog:** ❑ **saw shadow.** ❑ **didn't see shadow.**
3 Ferdinand Magellan discovers Shark Island in the Pacific, 1521 **It was a *fin* place.**	4	5 Weatherperson's Day **Don't give anyone the cold shoulder.**	6 Groundhog Dirt #1 A groundhog is the same thing as a woodchuck. It's the largest member of the squirrel family.	7 Steve Nash, basketball player, born, 1974 **Here comes the Sun.**	8 	9 Camille Winbush, actress, born, 1990 **It's *Nessa*-sary to celebrate.**
10 A computer beats a human at chess for the first time, 1996 **Was its motherboard really proud?**	11 Groundhog Dirt #2 Groundhog Day comes from a European holiday called Candlemas.	12 Abraham Lincoln, 16th president of the U.S., born, 1809 ***Lincoln logs* in.**	13 	14 Valentine's Day **We ♥ this day.**	15 Matt Groening, creator of *The Simpsons*, born, 1954 **At least his mom didn't have a cow.**	16 The first 911 emergency telephone system in the U.S. begins in Haleyville, Alabama, 1968 **That's the 411 on 911.**
17 The Daytona 500 is run in Daytona Beach, Florida **The whole country will be revved up.**	18 Presidents' Day 	19 Groundhog Dirt #3 A groundhog removes about 700 pounds of dirt from the ground to dig a burrow.	20 Charles Barkley, basketball announcer and former player, born, 1963 **His *Barkley* is worse than his bite.**	21 Richard Nixon becomes the first U.S. president to visit China, 1972 **He saw the writing on the Great Wall.**	22 	23 The city of Boston is incorporated, 1822 ***Bean* there, done that.**
24 Philip H. Knight, cofounder of Nike, born, 1938 **He just did it.**	25 James and Oliver Phelps, actors, born, 1986 **Were they a pair of little *Weasleys*?** 	26	27 Groundhog Dirt #4 Groundhogs live alone.	28 Last day of the month **No...wait...**	29 Leap Year Day **...*Today* is the last day of the month!**	NICK

Say What?

Real

from the September 2007 issue

Winners

Man: Give me sad and mad. Give me pouty.
Dog: Give me a doughnut or I'm quitting!
Serita L., age 9
Sparta, Illinois

Man: There! It's finished.
Dog: It's a little *ruff* around the edges.
Antonio M., age 11
New York, New York

Man: Ooh, this looks so good. It just needs a little more detail.
Dog: He thinks he's so great. So why is the money hat empty?
Alexus B., age 10
Powells Point, North Carolina

Man: Hold still, Scruffy!
Dog: I'd rather hold a bone.
David F., age 8
Chatham, New Jersey

Man: Almost finished.
Dog: You said that five hours ago!*
Nikita H., age 12
Dacula, Georgia

Man: If only this had some color.
Dog: I can make it yellow if you want.
Jason S., age 9
Metuchen, New Jersey

Man: Maybe we'll be famous, Sparky!
Dog: And maybe I'll fetch the paper, but what are the chances of that?
Emily M., age 10
Lake Villa, Illinois

*We received a number of entries like this one.

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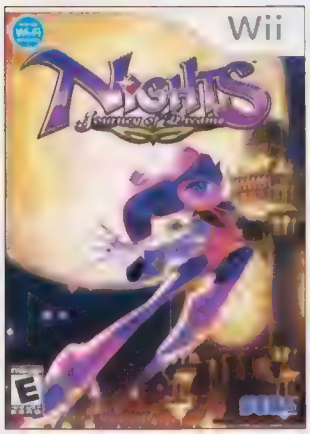

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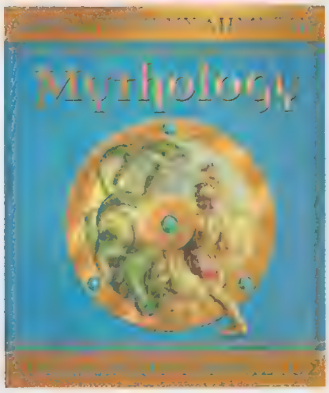

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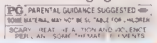

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Answers

The *I*s Have It (page 11): 1 (*V*)–A (ivy), **2 (row)**–C (Iroh), **3 (doll)**–B (idol), **4 (land)**–D (island).

Desert Island Mix-Up (page 23):

3A	4B	1A	2B	2A	1B	4A	3B
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Looks like you really had your work cut out for you this issue.

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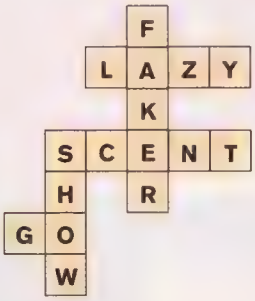

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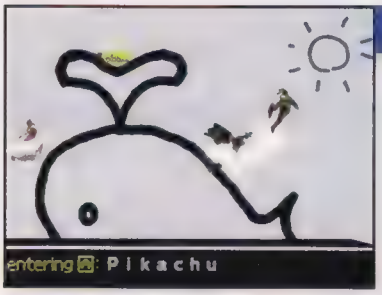
A Smashing New Game

The game that puts everyone's favorite Nintendo characters in the virtual ring is back—as Super Smash Bros. Brawl. Here are some new stages and characters that sound like smashing fun. by Matthew Hawkins

Real

NEW STAGE: WarioWare

FROM: The WarioWare games
HOW THE BATTLEFIELD WORKS: During a fight, the background changes every few seconds and presents a new mini challenge, just like in the WarioWare games. Imagine a downpour starting during a brawl and you have to keep the battle under an umbrella... then, five seconds later, look out for that crazy sledgehammer!
EXCITEMENT LEVEL: 10 on a scale from 1 to 10.



NEW STAGE: PictoChat

FROM: PictoChat, a function built into the DS
HOW THE BATTLEFIELD WORKS: PictoChat lets DS users send each other messages and funny drawings. In this stage, doodles randomly appear on-screen—and you can stand on or ride them while you battle.
EXCITEMENT LEVEL: 8 on a scale from 1 to 10.

NEW CHARACTER: Zero Suit Samus

FROM: Metroid Zero Mission
WHO SHE IS: Wait a minute, she's not new! Samus was in the past two Smash Bros. games, but this time she also appears without her space suit as a totally new fighter. In her suit, she has firepower, but outside of it, she gets a big boost in speed. Her gun, the Paralyzer, also doubles as a whip.
SPECIAL MOVES: Paralyzer Stun, Plasma Whip, Plasma Wire

NEW CHARACTER: Wario

FROM: The WarioWare games
WHO HE IS: Although the anti-Mario has muscles and probably packs a good punch, his power move is something you could call "silent but deadly." Though with Wario, Silent is not his middle name.
SPECIAL MOVES: Wario Chopper, Wario Waft

BENCHWARMERS

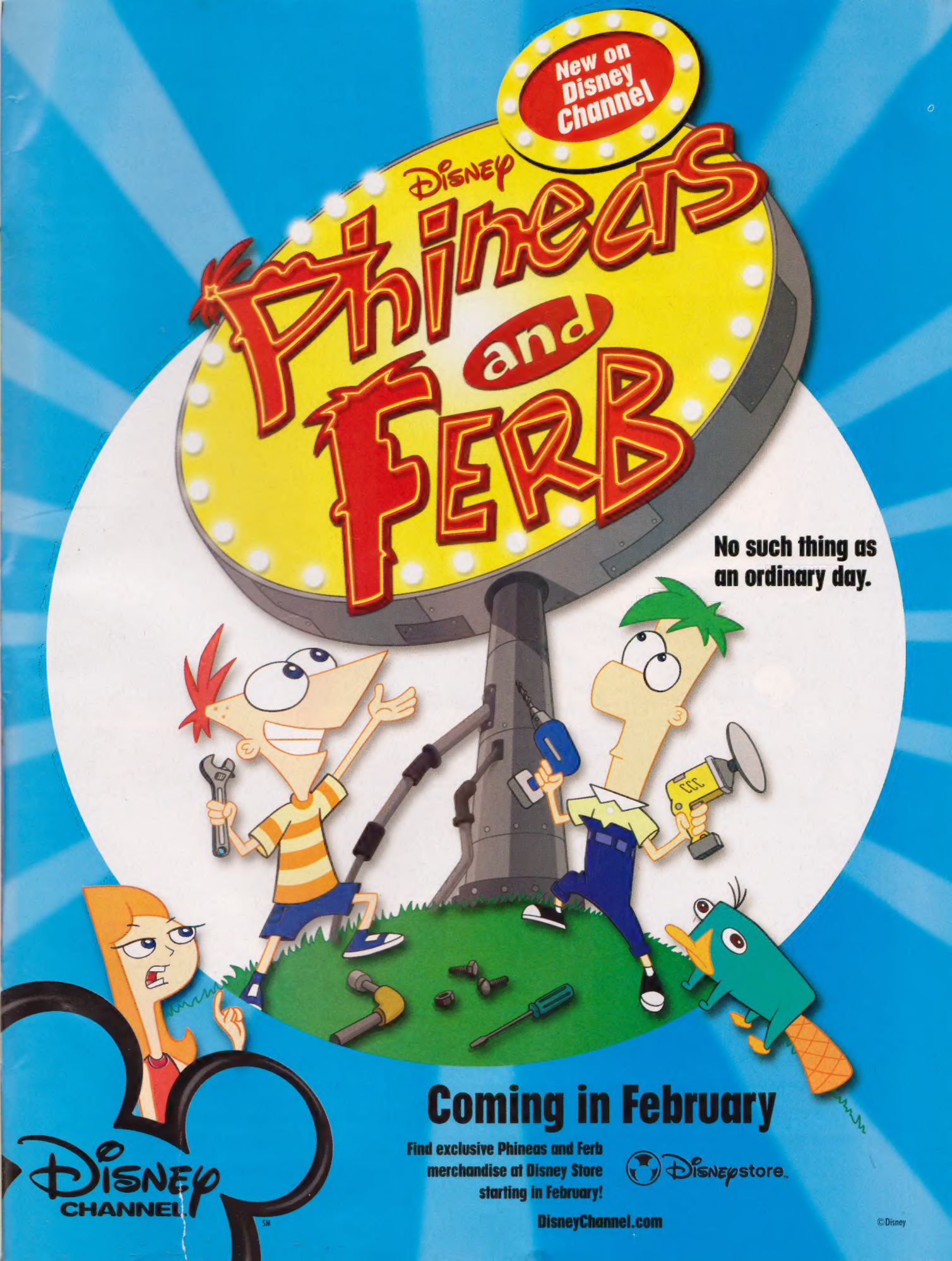
Here are two characters you *won't* find in the Brawl.

PHOENIX WRIGHT

FROM: The Phoenix Wright: Ace Attorney games
Why He Didn't Make the Cut: Despite being quick in a court of law, we guess that Phoenix's bookish skills are useless in an arena for punches and kicks. Plus, Sonic may be mad at him for stealing his hairstyle.

THE L BLOCK

FROM: Tetris
Why He Didn't Make the Cut: The L block is a pretty popular and versatile "character" in Tetris, yet we think his defense is pretty poor. He is great at falling down...not so hot at getting up.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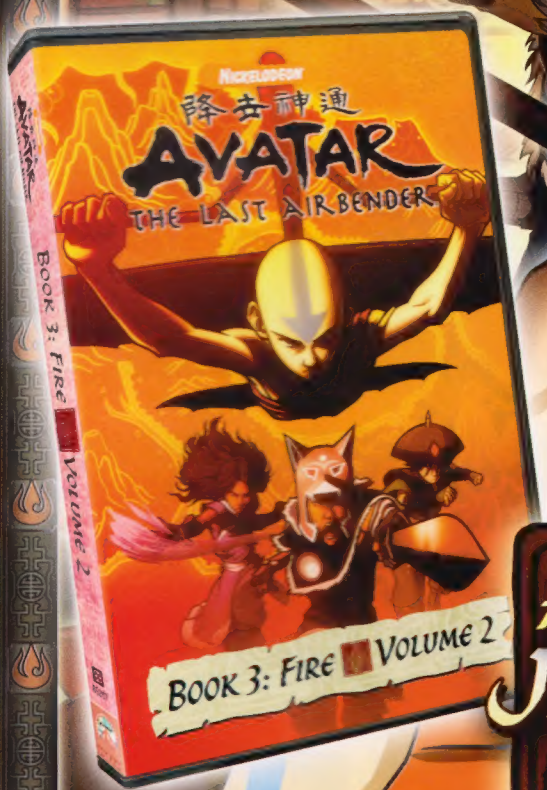

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